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Jerry —
 Am at work, in middle of a
Patoy & Hedy book (which Stan
 doesn't even bother to read now, along
 with last Millie — he's made me semi-
 official "editor" of those 2 books a month —
 3 titles). I thought you might like
 a souvenir — Ditko's plot for
 first Dr. Strange tale I did. It'll
 come out soon. Don't mention
 specifically having it, tho.

Bestest,

Roy



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Put by S. DITKO, Dr. Str
for STRANGE TALES
143, Apr 66

Found Place to
hide - must
move Fast

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Dr. STRANGE, MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS!

"WITH NONE BESIDE ME!"

BEFORE I CAN BATTLE THE FORCES THAT THREATEN ME, I MUST GUIDE MY PHYSICAL BODY TO A PLACE OF SANCTUARY...

Even then, my cause is a desperate one! I cannot risk an encounter without first recovering my magical cloak and amulet!

Ye Olde Synopsis:
IN THE SOMBRE SHADOWS OF A DARKENED GREENWICH VILLAGE ROOFTOP, THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS FIGHTS A SEEMINGLY HOPELESS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE DEMONIC DISCIPLES OF THE VANISHED MORDO! BUT, WITH HIS EARTHLY FORM ALMOST HELPLESS, HOW CAN DR. STRANGE'S SPIRIT SELF SURVIVE THE DEADLY ONSLAUGHT? WE KNOW--BUT WE'RE NOT TELLING!

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SKILLFULLY MERGING HIMSELF WITH HIS HUMAN SHELL, DR. STRANGE URGENTLY CLIMBS A NEARBY WATER TOWER...

EVEN THOUGH I CANNOT SEE... THIS LADDER, FORTUNATELY, CAN BE CLIMBED BY TOUCH ALONE!

BUT, IF THE ONES ATTACK AT THIS MOMENT, I AM DOOMED FOR, WITHOUT MY TRUE DEFENSE!

YET, I MUST CHANCE IT! A BODY MUST BE HIDDEN WHERE IT WILL NOT BE FOUND!

MY ARM HOOKED A RUNG-- WILL PREVENT ME FROM DROWNING!

QUICKLY--QUICKLY, YOU CREATURES OF LITTLE WORTH! WE MUST LOCATE THE DISCIPLE OF THE ANCIENT ONE-- OR OUR VERY LIVES WILL BE FORFEIT WHEN MORDO RETURNS!

HE SHALL BE FOUND!

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in water
tower perfect
spot

AFRAID I'D never
be able get of
it -

in 190

hook arm on
inside ladder -
above water level

body safe now
see what I can
do about recovering
cape amulet

they're on
roof now

he must be up here
search everywhere

could be
my chance
search
building

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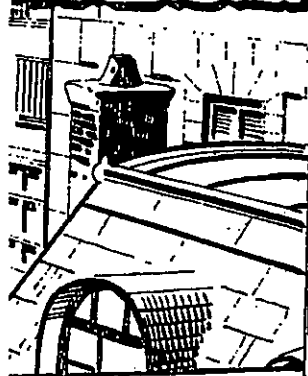
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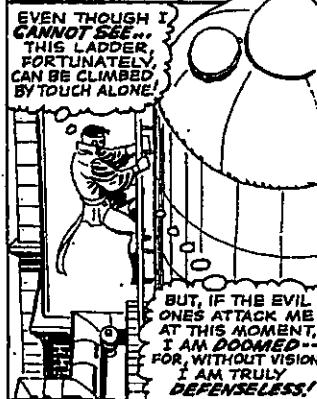
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PRASED BE THE HOARY HOSTS OF HOGGOTH! I MADE IT TO THE TOP--IN SAFETY! NOW TO GIVE MY MATERIAL FORM A NEW HIDING-PLACE!



THIS IS CERTAINLY THE LAST PLACE A PURSUER WOULD THINK TO LOOK!



BUT, I MUST NOT GROW OVER-CONFIDENT! THE SCALES OF POWER, STILL FAVOR MY ENEMIES!

UHH--! THIS WATER IS COLD--BELOW FREEZING! CAN I SURVIVE IT FOR LONG?

YET, I MUST CHANCE IT! MY BODY MUST BE HIDDEN WHERE IT WILL NOT BE FOUND!



MY ARM--HOOKED OVER A RILING THUS--WILL PROTECT ME FROM DROWNING!

AND NOW, THE MOMENT HAS COME TO RISK ALL--IN A FINAL ATTEMPT TO REGAIN MY CAPE AND AMULET!



FOR, ONLY WITH THEM MAY I HOPE THAT VICTORY WILL BE MINE!

THEN, HIS WRAITH-LIKE SHAPE PASSING NOISELESSLY THRU THE METALLIC SIDES OF THE TOWER, THE MIGHTY SORCERER BEHOLDS...



THE DEMON--AND BARON MORDO'S HENCHMEN! THEY'RE LEAVING NO STONE UNTURNED IN THEIR RELENTLESS SEARCH FOR ME!

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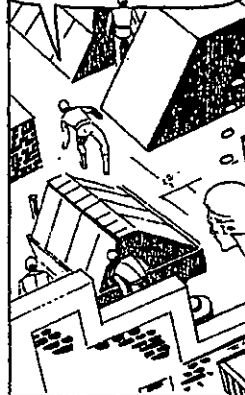


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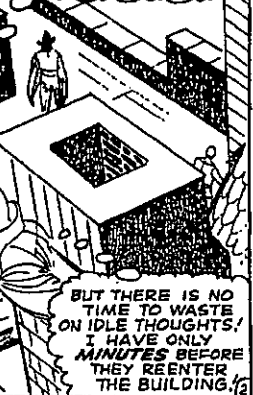
IF HE RETURNS, THAT IS! HE HAS NOT BEEN SEEN BY US FOR MANY WEEKS!

YET--NO MATTER! FOR, IF OUR EVIL MASTER IS NO MORE, I MAY INHERIT THE MANTLE OF HIS POWER!

LOOK CAREFULLY, MY FELLOWS! EVEN IN HIS BLINDFOLDED STATE, DR. STRANGE IS A FORMIDABLE ADVERSARY!



HOW MUCH BOLDER THEY WOULD BE IF THEY KNEW HOW NEARLY HELPLESS I AM!



BUT THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE ON IDLE THOUGHTS! I HAVE ONLY MINUTES BEFORE THEY REENTER THE BUILDING!

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under (DS)
will - must
- obey

remove devices
from physical
body

2nd last
can return

once again capture
amulet his

spell to cause you to
give up Black
MAGIC

Mordo's power link
now destroyed

END -
into the dimensions
to find the soul
DD, banished,

